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SUBJECT: SCHUETZ INTERVIEW WITH DIE WELT

SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW WITH DIE WELT PUBLISHED AUGUST 22, GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ DECLARED THAT GDR WAS PURSUING CONSCIOUS STRATEGY OF SEEKING TO REDUCE OBLIGATIONS IT HAD UNDERTAKEN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF QA--A STRATEGY THAT CAST SERIOUS DOUBTS ON FITNESS OF GDR AS INTERNATIONAL PARTNER GENERALLY. LONG-TERM, PATIENT EFFORT WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BRING GDR BACK TO ITS COMMITMENTS. IN REGARD TO BERLIN-FRG TIES, SCHUETZ DE-EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF FEDERAL AGENCIES SUCH AS FEA IN RELATION TO SOLID AND ENDURING INTEGRATION OF CITY IN FEDERAL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND LEGAL STRUCTURE, AND RULED OUT USE OF DEMONSTRATIVE OR PROPAGANDISTIC METHODS OF REINFORCING THESE TIES.  
END SUMMARY

2. IN RESPONSE TO INITIAL QUESTION REGARDING RECENT

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GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES, GOVERNING MAYOR VOICED

CONCERN THAT WHILE HARASSMENT HAD APPARENTLY ENDED, QUASI-OFFICIAL GDR STATEMENT HAD PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT. LATER IN INTERVIEW SCHUETZ DEVELOPED THIS THEME FURTHER, DECLARING THAT GDR ACTIONS OVER PAST MONTHS LED TO CONCLUSION THAT GDR WAS CONSCIOUSLY SEEKING TO REDUCE OBLIGATIONS IT HAD UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH QA. SCHUETZ ASSERTED THAT "FURIOUS" GDR ATTACKS ON FEDERAL OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN, DIFFICULTIES ON TRANSIT ROUTES, DOUBLING OF CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT, AND APPLICABILITY TO PENSIONERS OF THIS REQUIREMENT WERE NOT ISOLATED ACTS, BUT RATHER ELEMENTS OF AN OVERALL STRATEGY DESIGNED TO WHITTLE AWAY AT GDR'S TREATY COMMITMENTS. IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT THIS STRATEGY, WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES WOULD HAVE TO UTILIZE ESTABLISHED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS--TRANSIT COMMISSION, VISITS' COMMISSION, FOUR-POWER FORUM-- PERSISTENTLY AND PATIENTLY TO REMIND GDR OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AND INSIST THEY BE CARRIED OUT. SCHUETZ NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE LONG-TERM PROCESS.

3. SCHUETZ REMARKED THAT BEHAVIOUR OF GDR IN REGARD TO QA HAD BROADER IMPLICATIONS WHICH CAST DOUBT ON FITNESS OF GDR AS INTERNATIONAL PARTNER GENERALLY. IN EVENT OF SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF AN AGREEMENT, GDR INSTEAD OF HAVING RECOURSE TO PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING REDRESS, REVERTED IMMEDIATELY TO ARBITRARY AND UNILATERAL MEASURES OF COLD WAR PERIOD. ATTITUDES OF GDR LEADERSHIP, SCHUETZ MAINTAINED, HAD NOT CHANGED WITH CONCLUSION OF QA.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED ON BERLIN-FRG TIES, GOVERNING MAYOR REAFFIRMED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA HAD BEEN IMPORTANT DECISION FOR BERLIN. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT BERLIN-FRG TIES WERE NOT DEPENDENT ON LOCATION HERE OF THIS OR OTHER FEDERAL OFFICES, BUT RATHER ON SOLID FACT THAT BERLIN WAS THOROUGHLY INTEGRATED INTO FEDERAL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND LEGAL STRUCTURE. SCHUETZ GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD "ALSO IN FUTURE" BE NO DEMONSTRATIVE EFFORTS TO HIGHLIGHT BERLIN-FRG TIES AT EXPENSE OF PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF ISSUES. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON MAYOR NEUBAUER'S ADVOCACY OF LOCATING PROPOSED GERMAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION IN BERLIN, SCHUETZ REMARKED THAT THIS PROJECT WAS STILL IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THEORETICAL STAGE. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT, WERE THIS PROJECT TO BECOME REALITY, HE COULD NOT IMAGINE ANY OTHER SITE THAN BERLIN. INTERESTINGLY, SCHUETZ ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD FIND IT NATURAL IF IN FUTURE SOME FEDERAL INSTITUTION NOW IN BERLIN WERE PLACED ELSEWHERE FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

5. GOVERNING MAYOR STRONGLY DENIED ANY SOVIET OR GDR RIGHT TO HAVE

VOICE IN WEST BERLIN AFFAIRS AS SUCH. QA, HE INSISTED, HAD  
RELEVANCE FOR ALL BERLIN, AND SOVIETS HAD RIGHT OF CO-DETERMINATION  
ONLY IN ALL-BERLIN MATTERS.KLEIN

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